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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A telephone dialing method for call completion comprising:

allowing a subscriber to enter a default dialing prefix;

storing the default dialing prefix in EEPROM;

allowing the subscriber to initiate a dial string on the telephone network;

Monitoring monitoring and storing [[a]] the subscriber initiated dial string[[. and]] contemporaneously with the allowing the subscriber to initiate the dial string on the telephone network;

Determining determining whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and has a required number of incomplete digits related to a number of digits of the default dialing prefix, the determining being done contemporaneously with the allowing the user to initiate a dial string on the telephone network;

inhibiting further processing until a next call if the user initiated dial string was determined to be unequal to the required number of incomplete digits;

Allowing the subscriber initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber initiated dial string is complete, and;

Parsing parsing together [[a]] the default dialing prefix stored in EEPROM and the subscriber initiated dial string only if the subscriber initiated dial string [[is incomplete]] was determined to have the required number of incomplete digits related to the number of digits of the default

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dialing prefix, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dialing prefix is created[[, and]];

effecting at least one hook switch flash to achieve telephone line interruption if the user initiated dial string was determined to have the required number of incomplete digits related to the number of digits of the default dialing prefix; and

Placing placing, subsequent to effecting the at least one hook switch flash, the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dialing prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the monitoring further comprises listening for DTMF data representing the subscriber initiated dial string.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2 wherein the storing further comprises storing only the DTMF data that occurs before timing out of the monitoring.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 wherein the determining further comprises subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string from a pre-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of digits representing the number of digits contained in the default dialing prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string [[is]] has the required number of incomplete digits.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id block code.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id send code.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a 1+ dial code.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

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9. (Currently Amended) In an apparatus for telephone call completion, the apparatus for telephone call completion comprising a computing device, a program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for call completion, said method steps comprising:

allowing a subscriber to enter a default dialing prefix;

storing the default dialing prefix in EEPROM;

allowing the subscriber to initiate a dial string on the telephone network;

[[M]]monitoring and storing [[a]] the subscriber initiated dial string[[, and]];

[[D]]determining whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and a required number of incomplete digits related to a number of digits of the default dialing prefix, the step of determining being done contemporaneously with the step of allowing the user to initiate a dial string on the telephone network;

Allowing the subscriber-initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber-initiated dial string is complete, and;

inhibiting further processing until a next call if the user initiated dial string was determined to be unequal to the required number of incomplete digits;

Parsing parsing together [[a]] the default dialing prefix stored in EEPROM and the subscriber initiated dial string only if the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete was determined to have the required number of incomplete digits related to the number of digits of the default dialing prefix, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dialing prefix is created[[, and]];

effecting at least one hook switch flash to achieve telephone line interruption if the user initiated dial string was determined to have the required number of incomplete digits related to the number of digits of the default dialing prefix; and,

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~~Placing~~ placing, subsequent to the step of effecting the at least one hook switch flash, the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dialing prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9 wherein the monitoring further comprises listening for DTMF data representing the subscriber initiated dial string.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10 wherein the storing further comprises storing only the DTMF data that occurs before timing out of the monitoring.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein the determining further comprises subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string from a pre-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of digits representing the number of digits contained in the default dial prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string [[is]] has the required number of incomplete digits.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id block code.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a caller id send code.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9 wherein the parsing further comprises adding a 1+ dial code.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for telephone call completion, comprising:

means for allowing a user to define a default dialing prefix[[, and]];

means for notifying the user of the default dialing prefix[[, and]];

means for allowing the subscriber to initiate a dial string on the telephone network;

means for monitoring and storing a subscriber initiated

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dial string[[, and]];

means for determining contemporaneously with the subscriber initiating a dial string on the telephone network whether the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete, and has a required number of incomplete digits related to a number of digits of the default dialing prefix;

means for inhibiting further processing until a next call if the user initiated dial string was determined to be unequal to the required number of incomplete digits;

means for allowing the subscriber initiated dial string to be placed on the telephone network without further intervention if the subscriber initiated dial string is complete, and;

means for parsing together the default dialing prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string only if the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete was determined to have the required number of incomplete digits related to the number of digits of the default dialing prefix, wherein a complete telephone number with the default dialing prefix is created[[, and]];

means for effecting at least one hook switch flash before placing the complete telephone number, which comprises the default dial prefix and the subscriber initiated dial string, on the telephone network for call completion.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for determining further comprises means for subtracting a first number of digits captured in the subscriber initiated dial string from a pre-determined number wherein if the result is equal to a second number of

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digits representing the number of digits contained in the default dial prefix, then the subscriber initiated dial string is incomplete.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a caller id block code.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a caller id send code.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the means for parsing further comprises means for adding a 1+ dial code.

22. (Canceled)